

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation and a clear example of the castration of the FCC, especially the chairman, Michael Powell.

It's about time Powell realized he will be out of a job whether Bush wins or not, so he might consider trying to regain some respect for the Powell name by coming down hard on Sinclair.

I'm probably blowing in the wind, but I had a great amount of respect for the Powell name. No long, father or son.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard.

As a former radio station owner--a small all-news station in Palm Springs, Ca--I've watched in horror at what stations are being allowed to do today. Everyone has forgotten the airwaves are public airwaves and that there is something called "the fairness doctrine" which everyone has ignored.